

The Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church

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921 Generals Highway, Millersville, Md. 21108

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher)

John 20:15-16 N.R.S.V

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me...My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, no one can snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:4, 14, 27, N.R.S.V.

And those whom he predestined, he also called;
And those whom he called he also justified;
And those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 8:30 N.R.S.V.

Grace and peace to all God's people of Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church.

God is Good – All the time! All the time – God is Good!

If you are a follower of Jesus you are called, chosen and made right by God. Do you know that the Good Shepherd calls you by name to follow him? "For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and sheep of His hand." (Psalm 95:7 N.R.S.V.)

This great truth that God calls us by name individually was brought back to my mind when Jake Lahoff invited Debbie and myself to his high school graduation on May 22. Now Old Mill High School is a large high school and graduates numerous students every year. But as we were sitting there with Jake's mom and dad, grandmom, sister and aunt, Debbie shared with me, "Isn't it amazing they call every graduate's name individually..." and as much as school officials tell the guests not to clap and cheer when their loved ones' name is read they always do.

To the Good Shepherd every sheep is important. While the shepherd knows the whole flock he or she does that by knowing each individual sheep. The shepherd knows them and loves them and the sheep knew the shepherd's voice. That is why Jesus told the story about a shepherd that had one hundred sheep, but left the ninety-nine to search after the one who was lost and when the shepherd found and brought the lost sheep home rejoices and throws a party.

God loves each and every one of us. God knows us better than we know ourselves. God calls us by name. God and the whole company of Heaven rejoices even over one lost soul who comes home and God throws a party. Mary Magdalene did not recognize the Risen Lord standing right in front of her. Her eyes were probably swollen and blinded by the tears of grief.

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Dear Baldwin Memorial UMC family,

I want to thank you all for the delicious luncheon on July 9th! It was a really fun time for all of us to get together to celebrate Pastor Phil and Debbie's fifteen years shepherding the church and my retirement as Assistant Pastor.

You all are very dear to my heart. I will remember you fondly and will continue to hold you in prayer. It has been my joy to serve you first as an intern and then as an assistant pastor. The Baldwin Memorial Church has both a deep and rich history and a loving, Christ-like spirit. As a church family and congregation, you embody our Lord by taking care of each other and by reaching out to serve the community and the world.

Thank you for the painting of the stone chapel by Mildred Anderson! It is a treasured gift from the church. Thank you also for the silver cross necklace with the Methodist flame. When I wear it, I will think of the years that I have had the honor to serve you. Les and I have enjoyed reading all the cards from you and looking at the artwork from the Childcare. The music that the choir group sang was a special treat and the liturgical dance was beautifully spiritual. We thank all of you who made the luncheon possible, all who brought food, those who decorated the Fellowship Hall to look so festive, those who shared stories and comments, everyone who coordinated the day and everyone set up and cleaned up.

It is with reluctance and joy that I leave Baldwin Memorial UMC. I have so thoroughly enjoyed serving God in ministry with you, but I also know that God has plans for Les and me in Ohio and California. We are curious and eager to see what is ahead.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jess



Thank you to the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee for a wonderful ministry celebration held on July 9 for my continued ministry and the celebration of Jess's retirement. The outpouring of love, care and support shown by the congregation was such a blessing to me, Debbie, Jess and Les. We are grateful for each person who attended the celebration and for the delicious meal. We tremendously appreciate your thoughtfulness. In Jesus Love, Pastor Phil

But when Jesus spoke her name "Mary" then she recognized Him immediately. God calls us by name.

Jesus is still calling us by name. Our Risen Savior wants us to know we are loved, accepted and forgiven. That we are His sheep. He will never leave us, abandon us or forsake us. That no one can ever snatch us out of Christ hand. That our Lord will never let us go. As the Apostle Paul stated it, "No, in all these things we are more than conqueror through Him that loved us, for I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:37-39 N.R.S.V.)

As Christians we are called, chosen, predestined to be part of the Lord's flock. We are children of God, part of the family of God, brothers and sisters of the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, heirs of salvation, filled to overflowing with God's own Spirit - Holy Spirit.

We are sheep of His hand. We are "free to wander." We are like sheep defenseless against our ultimate enemies. We need the Good Shepherd. We need a Lord and Savior. Jesus is Lord! The Good Shepherd knows and loves the sheep. The Good Shepherd is not a hired hand, but owns the sheep. The Good Shepherd calls us each by name.

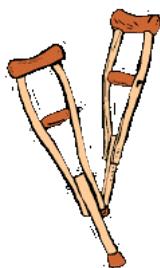
Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sake of the sheep. Jesus' death on the cross of Calvary saves us. Jesus is the Great Shepherd, who the writer of Hebrews tells us, "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you, that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:20-21 R.S.V.) Jesus is the Chief Shepherd who some great day will renew glory for us, His sheep. As saint Peter wrote, "And when the Chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory." (1st Peter 5:4 R.S.V.)

So my beloved I want you to know how much God loves you and cares for you. God is calling your name. God bless you all!
Your Pastor and friend,

Phil Tocknell

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CLOSET

The Widow and Widowers group has established a medical equipment closet. This equipment is available for loan to church members. If you would like to borrow an item, please contact Bert Hewitt at bspahewitt@verizon.net or Barb Stodghill at 410-721-2898. Also, we welcome any equipment that you would like to donate to our lending closet.



UMW ANNUAL RETREAT

Bring a guest and join Baldwin's UMW at their annual retreat, 9 am on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, 975 Indian Landing Road, Millersville, MD 21108, | 410-222-3822 | www.arlingtonecho.org. Everyone who brings a guest, will receive a surprise. At the cost of \$17 per person, continental breakfast with coffee, tea & juice, muffins, yogurt, granola, fresh fruit, buffet lunch with soda, coffee & cookies will be included. Please write your checks to BMUMC UMW and give to Debbie Snowberger. Please write Retreat in the left hand corner of your check. Reserve your space with Debbie Snowberger by Sept 1 and you will receive a surprise.

UMW 2017 Calendar

Leadership & General Membership Meeting. Retreat and Picnic at Arlington Echo

Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 9:00 am

Special Recognition Salad Luncheon

Sunday, October 1, 2017 after Second Service

Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Thanksgiving Basket Preparation

Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 9:00 am

Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 11:00 am

Christmas Basket Preparation

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 am



CALLING ALL WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Join us at our **Widows & Widowers Group meetings** at 1:00 on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Education Building. Come share with us and learn from those who have experienced healing after loss. Watch the Church Calendar and bulletins for the next meeting date and details. For more info, contact Barb Stodghill at 410-721-2898 or bstodghill@marykay.com



BALDWIN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Our children were especially thrilled when we had special events such as cooking classes, Kona Ice days and Water Day on Fridays. We all enjoyed our special visitors; the Annapolis Maritime Museum and Eco Adventures who brought learning exhibits with real animals! Popcorn & movie day and our all-camp picnic were also so much fun! Yum! S'mores!! We had a great time during a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School. Our children and teachers are always happy to learn so much about the Bible.

During the summer, some big changes occurred! We changed our name to Baldwin Early Learning Center! Same great staff, same great center! We feel that this new name better represents who we are and what we do for your children. They are learning every day! Please note our new contact information below.

We know that our fall program will be just as exciting as the summer and we look forward to welcoming many families and meeting new families as all of the families at our "Meet & Greet" classroom visit in September.

Pastor Phil will continue to spread the love of Jesus as he visits each class and shares his Bible Stories and interacts with the children.

Be sure to keep an eye out for our Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser which runs from September 18 through October 6. We are fundraising for new playground equipment. Packets will be available at the church office and in the church. Please feel free to stop by or visit our website BaldwinELC.org any time. We can be contacted at 410-923-2832 or at BaldwinELC21108@gmail.com.



"God Will Take Care Of You"
Summer June 25



HYMN SING

Through the months of July and August at the 10:30 AM worship service will begin with hymn singing. The congregation will have the opportunity to chose, sing, worship and praise the Lord!

Instrumentalists and singers of all ages are encouraged to participate in our summer music. Would a men or women's chorus interest you? Come "test the waters" with our music program this summer. Large group, small group, and soloist-we welcome all interest. To share your talents this summer, please contact Susan Petty at 410-923-1166.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Goiving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at baldwinmemorial.org
2. Click on the Give Now button,
3. Click on the Creatye Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

OUTREACH



Prayers for our sick and shut-ins:

Lynn Harrison Wisniewski

6 Tydings Rd. Severna Park, MD. 21146

Blanche Whittington

929 Generals Highway, Millersville, MD. 21108

Naomi Sessions

3515 Greencastle Rd. Burtonsville, Md. 20866

Harriet Keck.

730 Route 3 South, Gambrills, MD. 21054

Betty Forney

1557 Severn Chapel Rd, Crownsville, MD. 21032

Dorothy Jubb

730 Route 3 South, Gambrills, MD. 21054

Most smiles start with another smile.

Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL SNACK PACKS

Single servings of:

Oatmeal	Breakfast bar
Applesauce	Granola bars
Fruit Cups	Crackers
Mac n Cheese	Cookies
Ramon Noodles	

**Donations can be left outside the church office.
All donations are greatly appreciated.**

BACKPACKS

It's Back-to-School Backpack time again. The United Methodist Women supply children of Anne Arundel County with filled backpacks of school supplies. If you would like to sponsor a child this year, I can give you a name and a list of needed supplies. I will need the filled backpack by August 16. You can contact me at rstephens918@me.com or 410-987-0862. Please give me your name and email address.





Baptism:

“Ruby Elaine Wood” daughter of James Owen Wood and Amber Crimi Wood.
“Rosalee Mae Henson” daughter of Wesley James Henson and Krystal Lynn Henson.
“DeLana Belle Henson” daughter of Wesley James Henson and Krystal Lynn Henson.
“Gabriel Orland Smith” son of Julia Anne Norman and Tyronn Orlando Smith, Jr. and Grandson of Bill and Annette Norman
“Brice Richard Williams” son of Wendell Williams and Lauren Crum.
“Theodore Robert Crum” son of Steven Richard Crum and Amanda Renae Crum.

Graduations:

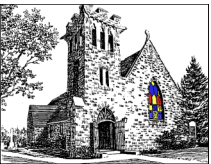
Hunter Gardner, Garrett Jenkin, Jake Lahoff, Drew Martin, Shannon Owens, Melissa Verbeek, Jake Norris, Addison Baldrige, Stephanie Bates, Alison Williams, Dabney Glover, Jonathan Paul Davis, Marion Pelletier

Deaths: Nicholas Stephens

Children are always welcome at all worship services. Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years in our Education Building. This nursery is staffed by two paid adult attendants at all times.



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